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Notice of Public Hearing: Proposed Navajo Veterans Act

Navajo Nation – Navajo Nation Veterans Commanders and Department of Navajo Veterans Affairs seeks solicitation from Navajo Veterans, Surviving spouses, Gold Star Mothers regarding the proposed Navajo Veterans Act. The Public Hearings will give the Navajo people and Veterans an opportunity to learn more about the Navajo Veterans' struggles to be recognized by its own government, and efforts to improve and expand Navajo Veterans benefits and services.

The purpose of Navajo Veterans Act is to:

- Allow Navajo Veterans to be properly and officially recognized and afforded opportunities to be involved in their own destiny;
- Provide recognition of the Navajo Veterans distinguished military service(s); and
- Enhance legislative recognition of the Navajo Veterans by fully participating in the Navajo Nation Government.

The following dates, times and locations have been selected for the Public Hearings:

Friday, October 21, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. (MDST) – Chinle Community Center, AZ
Monday, October 24, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. (MDST) – Smith Lake Veterans Center, NM
Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. (MDST) – Navajo Nation Museum, Window Rock, AZ
Thursday, October 27, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. (MDST) – Monument Valley HS-SAC, AZ
Friday, October 28, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. (MDST) – Shiprock Chapter House, NM

Navajo Veterans and community members are further encouraged to give oral comments, and to submit written comments to the Department of Navajo Veterans Affairs, Post Office Box 430, Window Rock, AZ 86515. Please include your full name, date, and mailing address on your signed letter.

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